**** **reedom High School Vocal Music Parents’ Organization**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 17, 2016**

The meeting for the parents’ organization was held on Thursday,November 17, 2016 in the auditorium of Freedom High School. Attendees included Director Mrs. Volpato, FHSVMPO President Mrs. Lindsay Kessler, Treasurer Mrs. Anne Draper, Secretary Mrs. Brenda Cahill, and parents and students from the choir. Attendees were given a copy of an agenda, Barnes & Noble Bookfair coupons, Barnes and Noble Cheesecake order form, and Financial Update.

Director’s report: Mrs. Volpato thanked everyone for attending this evening and reminded everyone that uniform payments are due this evening. Tonight’s retreat was the first time the entire choir was able to practice together. Thank you to the parents who assisted in fitting all the choir for the robes for the holiday concert. The call time for the concert is 5:45pm. Doors will not open to the auditorium until 7pm. If you need special seating arrangements, please let Mrs. Volpato know before the night of the concert. On Thursday, 12/1, the choir will be performing in the morning for East Hills Middle School. Choir members are expected to wear concert attire on Wednesday during dress rehearsal, Thursday during East Hills concert, and Friday evening during the concert. Students should dress in all black under their robes and it is recommended to dress in flats and light clothing. THON has arranged the Lehigh Valley Phantoms game on 12/26. The choir has been invited to sing the National Anthem. Please see Mrs. Volpato if interested. Tickets must be purchased by singers and $4 of every ticket sold goes to THON. The Coffee House performance date may have to change due to conflict with the East Hills play. The coffee house is all student run.

President’s report: Mrs. Kessler reminded that the dress rehearsal was Tuesday and that she would have volunteer sign up sheets to assist with the concert. They are mainly in need of people to help organize the choir robes after the concert. A motion was made by Mrs. Duscheanu and seconded by Mrs. Davison to approve the minutes of the last meeting. By voice vote all were in favor.

Treasurer’s report: Mrs. Draper presented the Treasurer’s report of November 17, 2016. Current balance is $5,757.46. A motion was made by Mrs. Kessler and seconded by Mrs. Hicks to approve the treasurer’s report. By voice vote all were in favor.

Fundraising: Mrs. Davison highlighted the Barnes & Noble night. It is Thursday, 12/15 at 5:30. Choir members are to dress in all black. Students are encouraged to invite friends that evening as activity stations will be set up. Students can also preorder cheesecakes from Barnes & Noble with 10% going into the students account. Orders are due by 12/5. Mrs. Hicks has chocolate candy bars available for sale this evening along with coupon books. Mrs. Hendricks has Wawa Hoagie Coupons. Ms Kostura has gift cards for Giant and ShopRite.

Uniforms: Uniform payments are $15 to rent a gown or $70 to purchase. For those that already have gowns, please try them on over Thanksgiving break and then again in February to be sure they fit. Uniform payments can come from your student account.

Hospitality: Thank you to all the parents who made a contribution to the retreat. The next opportunity to help will be baked goods for the concert.

Student Account: Mrs. Cahill will update with new gift card information and share with Mrs. Volpato to post.

Save the date: Choir to sing at Iron Pigs on June 6th.

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting. Our next parent meeting is Wedneday, February 1 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Cahill, Secretary